IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

NAKAMURA et al.

Application No.: 10/720,177

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For: METHOD FOR PRODUCING

L-GLUTAMINE AND L-GLUTAMINE

PRODUCING BACTERIUM

Art Unit: 1652

Examiner: Delia M. Ramirez

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

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Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 Sir:

Applicant respectfully petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) to extend the period for response to the Office Action dated March 5, 2007, which set a three-month shortened statutory period for reply, two month(s) to August 5, 2007.

The period for response has previously been extended to

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